



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - November 4, 2002

- ***In the West***, rain and snow showers are falling across the ***southern Rockies***, but cool, dry weather favors autumn fieldwork elsewhere in the region. Soil moisture shortages and low temperatures continue to limit ***Northwestern*** winter wheat emergence and establishment.
- ***On the Plains***, a long-lived, early-season cold outbreak continues to slow winter wheat emergence and development. Despite recent precipitation, including beneficial snowfall, soil moisture remains limited across much of the ***northern and central High Plains***. In contrast, wet conditions on the ***southern Plains*** are aiding pastures and winter grains, but slowing fieldwork and adversely affected unharvested cotton.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool, dry weather favors final corn and soybean harvesting, although wet fields continue to hamper fieldwork in parts of the ***upper Midwest***. In the ***Ohio Valley*** and ***lower Great Lakes region***, emerging winter wheat is benefiting from recent soil moisture improvements, although persistently cool weather is slowing crop development.
- ***In the South***, locally heavy weekend showers brought renewed cotton and soybean harvest delays to the ***Delta*** and caused additional lowland flooding in the ***western Gulf Coast region***. Showers continue this morning from ***southern and eastern Texas to southern portions of the Delta***.

Outlook: A weak cold front will bring scattered rain and snow showers to the ***Atlantic Coast States***, while a developing storm system over the ***western Gulf of Mexico*** will produce widespread rain in the ***western Gulf Coast, southern Plains, and lower Mississippi Valley***. Elsewhere, mild, dry weather will prevail across the ***central and western U.S.***, while a weak cold front will provide another round of cold air and light snow to the ***upper Midwest***. By mid-week, rain will spread into the ***Ohio Valley, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast***, but dry weather persist in the ***West***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 9-13 calls for above-normal precipitation across the ***Pacific Northwest, Great Basin, northern High Plains, and the eastern half of the country***. No large-scale areas of below-normal precipitation are expected. Temperatures will average above normal in the ***Atlantic Coast States***, while cooler-than-normal conditions are expected across the ***Great Plains***.

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